

**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
FIRE & POLICE COMMISSION
January 23, 2020
MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

The meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2020 was called to order at 4:00 p.m. in the EOC Classroom – 121 W. Carrillo Street, Fire Station 1.

Fire & Police Commissioners: Present: Jeannine M. Daniel
John Stedman
Lizzie Rodriguez
John Ahlman
Max Peck

Staff: Oscar Gutierrez, Councilmember
Eric Nickel, Fire Chief
Alex Altavilla, Police Captain (*on behalf of Chief Luhnnow*)
John S. Doimas, Assistant City Attorney
Laura Bordon, Commission Secretary

2. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

MOTION: Chair Daniel approved the minutes of January 23, 2020 meeting.

ACTION: Motion / Second by Commissioner Stedman. Unanimous voice vote.

4. ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR

MOTION: Commissioner Rodriguez requesting Commissioner Daniel as Chair.

ACTION: Motion / Second by Commissioner Daniel. Unanimous voice vote.

5. ELECTION OF COMMISSION VICE CHAIR

MOTION: Commissioner Rodriguez requesting Commissioner Stedman as Vice Chair.

ACTION: Motion / Second by Commissioner Daniel. Unanimous voice vote.

6. APPOINTMENT OF THE LIAISONS FOR FIRE AND POLICE DEPT.

MOTION: Commissioner Peck requesting nominating self for the Police Department Liaison.

ACTION: Motion / Second by Commissioner Stedman. Unanimous voice vote.

MOTION: Chair Daniel nominating Commissioner Ahlman for the Fire Department Liaison.

ACTION: Motion / Second by Commissioner Rodriguez. Unanimous voice vote.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Request to Speak: NONE

8. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

None Submitted.

9. OLD BUSINESS

(Commissioners may ask questions for clarification, refer to staff for factual information, make brief reports, or announcements)

PulsePoint App

- Free to download on a smartphone, iPhone, android device.
- An app that can save a life, which is free of charge.
- Off Duty professionals are using this to be alerted of a sudden cardiac situation.
- Firefighters alliance paid for 5yrs for City Fire to join.
- Closer to Summer, City Fire will engage with the Youth to assist in locating the ADD's within the City.

Union Negotiations

- Still at an impasse with the labor group.

Fire Station No. 7 (Geological Update)

- Key beneficiaries of the Measure C money.
- Fire Chief's preference is to rebuild on the same site.
- Confirming whether there is enough space to build with the fault lines.
- Seismic reports were received, now waiting to hear back from the State architect.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Reginal Fire/EMS Dispatch Presentation to Council
(PowerPoint Handout Included)

- Staff Recommendation to support Regional Fire/Emergency Dispatch Center, and direct staff to initiate negotiations with Santa Barbara County.
- Goals to improve public safety, reduce call processing, dispatch the closest unit to achieve full boundary drop.
- Regional Centers are successful, by reducing total dispatching times, take advantage of best practice technology, create integrated and seamless regional response, create capacity for future call volume increases.

MOTION: Commissioner Rodriguez requesting to have Chair Daniel and Vice Chair Stedman to draft a letter in support of this recommendation.

ACTION: Motion / Second by Chair Daniel. Unanimous voice vote.

11. INFORMATION UPDATE PROVIDED BY CITY STAFF ON THE CABRILLO/EAST BEACH PROJECT AND THE CABRILLO/LOS PATOS/HWY 101 PROJECT IN DESIGN.

Derrick Bailey, Principal Traffic Engineer to present at the Fire & Police Meeting in February of 2020.

12. FIRE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT

- Several more retirements, almost 50% eligible to retire.
- Promoted everyone on Captains list (still 1 vacancy).
- 15 people currently going through backgrounds.
- Last CWPP was last done in 2004
- Community meetings scheduled for February 20, 2020 and April 16, 2020
- Fire Marshal, putting together a core committee consisting of a Council Member, Community Development Staff, Utility Representative, Water Association Representative, and a Representative from the Fire and Police Commission.
- State pays for the new fleet engine, we get reimbursed for the crew that is used.
- New brush engine, available for upcoming fire season.
- Type 1 Engine coming in February.
- Lee Waldron is the lead on a current contract to purchase another engine.
- AMR has been working under a 40 year old contract.
- EMS system has radically changed in the last 40 years.

13. POLICE CHIEF'S MONTHLY REPORT

- Response times for calls for service are improving and the community is getting good service.
- Violent crime and Property crime (2018-2019) have gone down.
- Operational staffing at 134 / Authorized staffing at 145.
- Last testing was on January 18, 2020 (98 applications submitted to HR)
- Next academy start date is in April.

- Wellness at the PD with Cottage Hospital (Pilot Nutrition Program) working with 2 dieticians – to improve the health of the officers.
- Meal Prep through Healthy Warrior Meals for nutritional needs, available at the Police Department.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.